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Relay For Life Event Schedule



Support Relay For Life and Win a Quilt

To help fight cancer, purchase a raffle ticket for this handmade quilt by Martha Garza. Tickets for a chance to win this special quilt are on sale at the Wellness Center for \$1.00 each. Tickets will be also be on sale during the Relay For Life Softball Tournament.

The winning ticket will be drawn between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at the baseball field.

With every stitch done by hand and with love, it is sure to brighten anyone's home.
All proceeds go to Relay For Life.

Stay High and Dry... Don't Drive Around Barricades

The Sonora Police Department has asked us to remind local drivers that barricades, especially those placed in areas of high water and construction sites, are erected for the safety of the motorist.

In Texas every year, many drivers and passengers of motor vehicles are swept away and drowned by attempting to cross high water.

Driving around the barricades is a violation of the law and local law enforcement officers will ticket those caught driving around the barricades.

The official wording of the statute is found below.

Texas Criminal Law and Traffic Law

Sec. 472.022. Obeying Warning Signs and Barricades.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) disobeys the instructions, signals, warnings, or markings of a warning sign; or
(2) drives around a barricade.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a person who is following the directions of a police officer; or

(2) a person, including an employee of the department, a political subdivision of this state, or a contractor or subcontractor, whose duties require the person to go beyond or around a barricade.

(c) Each violation of this section is a separate offense.

(d) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1 or more than \$200, except that:

(1) if the offense is committed in a construction or maintenance work zone when workers are present and any written notice to appear issued for the offense states on its face that

workers were present when the offense was committed, the offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$2 or more than \$400; or

(2) if a person commits an offense under Subsection (a) where a warning sign or barricade has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street, or highway, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

(e) In this section:

(1) "Barricade" means an obstruction:

(A) placed on or across a road, street, or highway of this state by the department, a political subdivision of this state, or a contractor or subcontractor constructing or repairing the road, street, or highway under authorization of the department or a political subdivision of this state; and

(B) placed to prevent the passage of motor vehicles over the road, street, or highway during construction, repair, or dangerous conditions.

(2) "Construction or maintenance work zone" means a portion of a highway or street:

(A) where highway construction or maintenance is being undertaken, other than mobile operations as defined by the

Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and

(B) that is marked by signs:

(i) indicating that it is a construction or maintenance work zone;

(ii) indicating where the zone begins and ends; and

(iii) stating: "Fines double when workers present."

(3) "Warning sign" means a signal, marking, or device placed on a barricade or on a road, street, or highway during construction, repair, or dangerous conditions.

(f) Articles 45.051 and 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure, do not apply to an offense under this section committed in a construction or maintenance work zone when workers are present

Thurs. 5/17
5:30 p.m. - Bank Night @ Church of Good Shepherd. All teams must be present. Money turn-in, and hand out shirts.

Fri. 5/18
6:00 p.m. - Early Setup for teams and event committee @ Sonora Baseball Field
8:00 p.m. - Softball Tournament begins

Sat. 5/19
11:00 a.m. - Survivor Luncheon @ Church of Good Shepherd

1:00 p.m. - Relay For Life Event @ Sonora Baseball Field

* Survivor Ceremony: includes National Anthem, Raising of the Flag,

Opening Prayer by Lewis Allen, Survivor introduction, and Survivor Lap. Teams will begin immediately after Survivor Lap.

1:45 p.m. - Bingo for Survivors

2:00 p.m. - Cont' Softball Tournament

3:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. Team Activities and Fundraising: Coke Rings Toss, Waterballoon Baseball, Flies and Skinkers,

(tentatively 5:30 p.m.) Bingo for a Cake Lotteria, Sack Races, Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Popcorn, Peanuts, Brisket Dinner, Nachos, Pickles, Candy, and Drinks.

7:00 p.m. - West Texas Cloggers

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Music Performed by Light-house Praise Band

10:00 p.m. - Luminary Ceremony: includes Luminary Prayer by T. Wayne Price, Slideshow in Honor/Memory of Loved Ones

10:30 p.m. ** ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WITHOUT AN ADULT PRESENT MUST LEAVE EVENT.

11:30 p.m. Fundraising money must be turned into Team Chairperson.

Sun. 5/20
12:30 a.m. - Closing Ceremony: includes Awards, Announcement of money raised, Closing Prayer.

1:00 a.m. - Final Lap and End of Event: All teams will be responsible to clean up their campsites.

FMI Call Shanna Petty @ 387-3861 or Kim Lewis @ 387-5382.

Times of event are subject to change.

Alexie Ortiz Signs Letter of Intent



Alexie Ortiz signs a letter of intent to attend Abilene Christian University on a track and field scholarship.

Looking on are Alexie's parents, Sara and Norbert Ortiz; brothers Norbert Jr. (far right) and Stefan (far left); sister Lizette (in Dad's lap); Sonora High School coaches left to right, Eddie Favila, Maggie Taylor, Tiffany Matthews and Jason Pierce.

Hudson Medals at State

By Anita Hudson

On May 7th and 8th, the Sonora Bronco Boy's Golf team was one of the top eight 2-A golf teams that competed at the State Tournament in Austin, Texas. Playing the Morris Williams Golf Course both days, the boys finished in 6th place overall.

After the first day of competition, John Duke Hudson's round of 1 over par, 73, was splitting 4th 3 ways and had him as a contender to medal as an individual. His second day score of 1 under par, 71, put him in a three way tie for the 2nd place silver medal with Jade Scott from Daingerfield, and last year's gold medalist, Travis Klutts from Callisburg.

What ended in a three hole playoff for 2 medals, started with a very exciting beginning

with all three making birdie on the first hole. Scott won the silver medal on the 2nd hole with a birdie while Hudson and Klutts both posted par. The third hole is where Hudson claimed the bronze medal with a par.

One very unique feature of this year's 2A State Medalists is that all three young men were sophomores.

Team results were as follows:

1st place - Edgewood 305, 314, 619; 2nd place - Salado 315, 317, 632; 3rd place Callisburg 313, 320, 633; 4th place Sonora 317, 323, 640; 5th place Spearman 325, 338, 663; 6th place Sonora 328, 336, 666; 7th place Yorktown 345, 328, 673 and 8th place Warren 342, 341, 683.



John Duke Hudson after two solid rounds, brings home the bronze medal in the State 2A golf tournament.

Photo courtesy of Anita Hudson

Wool and Mohair Teams Sweep District Competition

By Shawna Faris

The District 10 4-H Wool and Mohair contest was held in Fredericksburg on May 3, 2007.

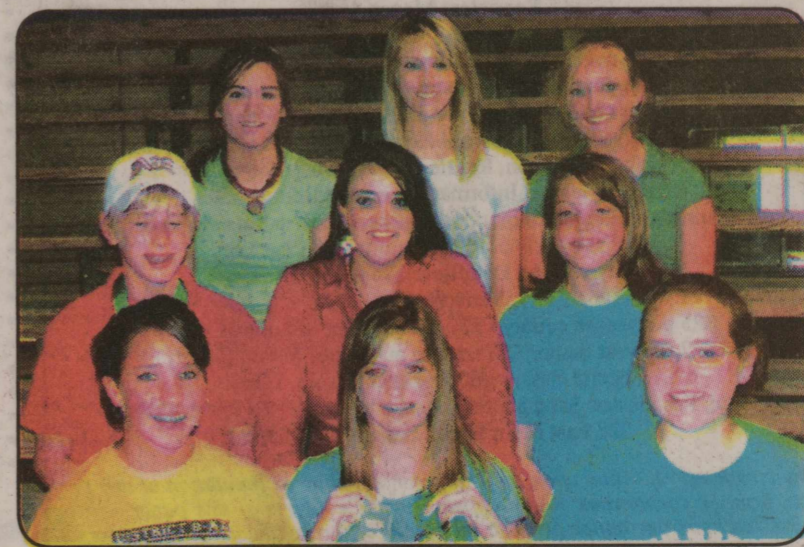
Eight local youth participated, two teams of four, and each walked away with the district championship.

The senior team of Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Sterling Love, and Meredith Earwood competed in the Mohair contest winning first and qualifying for state competition in June.

Individually, Savannah was 1st high, Steely 3rd high, and Sterling 4th high.

Also winning first was the junior team of Zachary Leonard, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Stella Ingham, and Hunter Jennings who were also 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th high individuals respectively.

Congratulations again for a job well done!



Back row: Meredith Earwood, Savannah Leonard and Steely Ingham. Middle row: Zachary Leonard, coach Shawna Faris and Chelsey Lou Campbell. Front row: Hunter Jennings, Sterling Love and Stella Ingham

St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum
P.O. Box 1397
Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30
Phone: 325-387-2278
Fax: 325-387-2278
E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday - NO MASS
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Church

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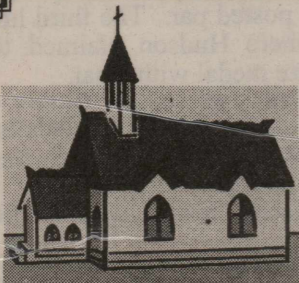
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. May 18 - Happy Birthday Felis Solis!
- Mon. May 21 - Join us for coffee and rolls at 9:00 a.m. Bingo!
- Tues. May 22 - Happy Birthday Kathleen Freeman - Vol.
- Wed. May 23 - Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors, we need you!
- Thur. May 24 - Work on puzzles and crafts after lunch!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. May 18 - Catfish, green beans, tator tots, bread, mixed fruit and milk.
- Mon. May 21 - Salisbury Steak with gravy, peas & carrots, cornbread muffins, tossed salad, orange and milk.
- Tues. May 22 - Roasted Chicken, spinach, pinto beans, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk.
- Wed. May 23 - Pork Chops with gravy, baked potato, carrots, milk, tossed salad, wheat bread, coconut cake and milk.
- Thur. May 24 - Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, potatoes, Spanish green beans, rolls, lime rice swirl and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

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| Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366 |

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Obituary

Daniel H. Wagner



SONORA — Daniel H. Wagner, father, friend, rancher and longtime resident of Sonora, passed away at his home on Saturday, May 12, 2007, after a brief battle with cancer.

Funeral services, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home, were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora with graveside service following in Sonora Cemetery.

Dan was born May 22, 1949, in Pennsylvania and spent his childhood in Houston, Texas. He came to Sonora in the late 1970s where he worked in the oil field. In 1992, he retired from the oil field and took over operating the G.H. Davis ranch that had been in his family for three generations.

Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Florence and Haynie Davis; his parents, Marjorie and Hal Wagner; and one brother, Harry Wagner.

He is survived by his beautiful daughter, Danielle Wagner of Sonora; his one true "Mi Amor," Dora Vidates of Reynosa Tamps, Mexico, and a host of friends who will greatly miss him and the fun motorcycle trips they took.

Dan enjoyed spending time

with his friends and made sure everyone was having a great time. Wherever Dan went, the fun always followed.

Pallbearers were friends of Dan's: Wylie Norton of Christoval, Marvin Shurley and Steve Ponsetti of Sonora, Gary Lidiak of Houston, Ricky Dae and Bobby Bartz of San Angelo.

Honorary pallbearers were Dennis Brooks, Art Martinez, Cliff Brister, Tim Ponsetti, Ken Nunley and Tom Glasscock.

Donations may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

*I Am Free
Don't grieve for me,
for now I am free
I am following the path
God laid for me.
I took his hand when
I heard Him call,
I turned my back and
left it all,
I could not take another day,
To laugh, to love,
to work or play.
Tasks left undone must
stay that way.
I found that peace at
the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, these things I,
too, will miss.
Be not burdened with
time or sorrow,
I wish for you the
sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full,
I savored much,
Good friends, good times,
a loved one touched.
Perhaps my time
seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now
with undue grief.
Lift up your heart
and share with me.
God wanted me now....
He set me free.*

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD our God, the LORD is One!
You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Teach them to your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates." -Deut. 6:4-9

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Happy Birthday

- May 17
Rosa DeHoyas, Billie Ann Harrell, JT Downing, Ivory Luna, Eloidia Flores, Evellyn Zook, Ryan Martinez, Alma Rosa Antunez
- May 18
Lino Villanueva IV, Tommy Van Winkle, Karina Gamez, Pamela Perez, Alex Noriega, Linda Hernandez, Felix Solis, Synde Robles, Jenny Kneuper
- May 19
Ernestina Perez, Sophia Gutierrez, Kevin Ramos, James Blackman, Vicki Bermea, Brent Archer, Toni Charo, Brittney Cook
- May 20
Caitlynn Moss, Ramiro Perez, Brandy Calentine, Kelly Jones, Raquel Vela, Irma Ramirez, Ram Perez
- May 21
Adrianna Faz, Katlyn Young, Todd Wolfe, Lannie Baggett, Tom Valliant, Tristan Ramsey, Carmen Vela
- May 22
Taylor Allen, Amanda Cervantez, Annette Estrada, Sam David Hernandez, Jason Martin, Ashley Harris, Jasmine Talamantez, Carmen Vela, Brandy Wallace
- May 23
Caleb Gonzales, Rachel Ramirez, Maggie Noriega, Scott Badgett, David Reyna, Jesse Paredes

Thank You Notes

Thanks for your prayers, the flowers and wonderful meals during recovery from my recent surgery.
Special thanks to my family who is always there for me and all my friends.

May God bless you
Maria G. Carrasco

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone for the prayers, food, visits, telephone calls, cards, flowers and gifts during Mela's extended illness and her subsequent death.

While our sorrow was not diminished, our circle of friends and family made us feel embraced by love.

A special thank you to the doctors and staff at the Crockett County Care Center in Ozona for their gentleness and kindness during her stay there.

To Chapo Samaniego and the women who came to pray the rosary; to the church choir for the comforting songs at the funeral home and at the church service; and to those donating food for the meal after the funeral service and those who helped serve the meal.

Knowing she was so loved and respected makes our time of sorrow easier to bear.

Victor A. San Miguel and daughters

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the donations and the hard work in fundraising for my recent stay at M.D. Anderson.

It has been an uphill battle, one which we are still fighting. M.D. Anderson is the best place to be and if it were not for the generous donations and fundraising, we would never be able to be here.

God bless you all and we continue to ask for your prayers during our time of struggle.

Thank you,
Homer and Margaret Jolly

The family of Ann Deel wishes to express its gratitude for all the food, flowers, cards, phone calls and memorials made at this time of sorrow.

Special thanks go to Hospice of San Angelo and Cedar Manor for the tender care given to Ann. To J.C. and Loma Surber, Tina and John Clark, and Pat Day for the lovely luncheon at the church, thank you so much.

Pat, as always, what would we do without you!

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone looking after Granny Ann while she was in Sonora.

May God bless you all as He has blessed us with your friendship and kindness.

Don and Faye Deel
Shane and Krystal Deel
James, Bethany, Ethan and Taryn Hamm
Deborah and Dayne Holder
Danny and Deborah Deel

Letter to the Editor

To whom it may concern,

On May 1, 2007 there was a sale at frontier Mini storage, I am asking the person who bought the items in # 49 to please consider giving me our personal items such as pictures and important documents and trophies belonging to my children. They worked very hard for the trophies and well the pictures are irreplaceable. Especially the picture of my baby girl who passed away. The only pictures I had of her were in there. Im not asking for anything else just the pictures and the trophies. So please have the heart to brighten our day and give me a call at 387-3764 or 226-0533.

Sincerely,
The Hernandez Family

A quien pueda interesar, De mayo el 1 de 2007 habia una venta en el mini almacenaje de la frontera, estoy preguntando a persona que compró los artículos en # 49 para satisfacer considera el dar me de nuestros artículos personales tales como cuadros y los documentos importantes y los trofeos que pertenecian a mis niños. Trabajaron muy difícilmente para los trofeos y el pozo los cuadros es irremplazable. Especialmente el cuadro de mi muchacha del bebé que pasó lejos. Los únicos cuadros que tenia de ella estaban adentro allí. Im que no pide cualquier cosa apenas los cuadros y los trofeos. Satisfaga tan tienen el corazón briten nuestro día y me dan una llamada en 387-3764 o 226-0533.

Sinceramente,
La Familia De Hernandez

They Stole Everything

I received a call from my daughter, and it was not good news. She said, "Daddy while I was at work someone broke into my apartment and stole almost everything I own."

I felt so sad for my daughter because she has worked so hard to have her few nice things.

That incident reminds me of situations we can face in life. I spend a lot of time either repairing or replacing things around the house or things my wife and I have.

The Bible has something to say about our worldly possessions. It says the things we have on earth will not last, (Matthew 6:19) or thieves can take them from us. The Bible gives us some

advice about them. In verse 20 it says, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

This does not mean we are not to own or have anything on earth, like houses or cars, but it does mean that we are not to put all of our attention or affection on them.

Actually, we are to have Jesus Christ in our hearts and very much try to obey and do His will on earth, (Hebrews 12:28). When we obey Him and try to do His will, (1 John 2:3-5, 3:22) we are laying up treasures in heaven. See you in Church next Sunday. *Brother J*



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Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society

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By Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County
Historical Society

Donations: General Fund - Edna Vargas; Miens Home Roof Fund - Dennis D. and Virginia V. Farris, Chuck Weaver, T. J. Jarrett. Thank you all so very much!

Q. I am looking for information on M.F. Hamby and Nannie Hamby. They are supposed to be buried in the Sonora Cemetery. He died in Austin in 1937, and I think she died in 1931. Did they have any children? Nancy Hough - rockartgal2@earthlink.net

A. Marion Franklin Hamby was born on June 9, 1864 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, some say Austin, and died February 16, 1937 in Austin. He was buried in the Sonora Cemetery. His wife Nan Casey Hamby, the daughter of John Casey, was born December 5, 1858 in Alabama and died on February 14, 1931 in Sutton County.

Her obituary lists survivors as 7 children: J. S. McMillon, Austin; Mrs. J. G. Baker, San Angelo; Mrs. Al Stockton, Menard; Mrs. Guy Landrum and Mrs. Gertrude Hart, California; John F. And Finis H. Hamby of Sonora.

His obituary says his survivors are two brothers: Charlie and Walter Hamby of Austin; three sisters Mrs. Lily Akard, Mrs. Mollie Leonard and Mrs. Harry Reasoner. Three daughters Mrs. J. G. Baker, San Angelo; Mrs. Guy Lundrum and Mrs. Trudie Creswell of Alhambra Calif. and two sons John and Finis.

If any of our readers know the first names of these children and can help this lady out please send the information to the above e-mail and a copy to schs@sonoratr.net thanks!

Q. When did Joseph Abner Glasscock come to Texas and wasn't his son, W. A., one of the earliest to install wolf proof fencing in this area?

A. Joseph Abner Glasscock, according to Juanita Puckitt Keen in the Menard History book, was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1835. That same year he came to Texas with his father, Joseph Milligan Glasscock and his mother, Agnes Priscilla Epperson Glasscock. And two sisters Lucy Ann and Catherine B. In the same party was George Glasscock, brother of Joseph Milligan Glasscock, and uncle of Joseph Abner Glasscock. Before coming to Texas, George Glasscock had been in partnership briefly with Abraham Lincoln in a river barge business in Illinois.

The Party settled about 30 miles north of Austin near the present city of Georgetown, in what was to become in 1848 Williamson County. At the time the county was organized, George Glasscock donated 173 acres of land for a townsite and the city was named Georgetown in his honor.

After the death of his father on January 26, 1832 and the subsequent remarriage of his mother to Alfred Britton in 1853 and then to Jephtha Billingsly in 1856, Joseph Abner Glasscock went to live with his uncle George Glasscock in Georgetown where he was living at the time of the 1850 census. (This census shows George W. Glasscock living with his wife Cynthia and children Elisabeth, Margaret, George W, Albert H. and six others, one of which is Joseph Abner, living in the household listed as blacksmith, carpenters and farmers.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer was born in Missouri in 1838. Her father, Samuel Sellers Bowmer, was born in Kentucky in 1815. In 1851, the Sellers Bowmer family came to Texas and settled at Georgetown where Sellers built and operated the first blacksmith shop. His father, Birkett D. Bowmer, carried the mail between Georgetown and Austin for several years.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer and Joseph Abner Glasscock were married in Williamson County, Texas. They lived in Travis Co. in 1860, Williamson Co. in 1870, Menard in 1880 census records. They moved from Burnet to Menard in 1874 with ox and mule wagons. Joseph Abner Glasscock is shown as a teamster and operator of a freight line.

In 1877, the Joseph Glasscock family moved into the dog-run log cabin on the San Saba River two miles below Menard, which had previously been occupied by Company D of the



Seated: Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glasscock and Joseph Abner Glasscock. Child: Olema Glasscock. Standing: Mode Glasscock and wife, Annie.

Texas Rangers. The cabin had a dirt floor, a sod roof and stick-and-mud chimneys. It was near the site of the log Mission Santa Cruz de San Saba, built by Spain in 1757 and destroyed by Indians in 1758.

Joseph Glasscock was a teamster and used Longhorn steers and Spanish mules to pull his freight wagons. He hauled supplies to Ft. McKavett from San Antonio, Austin, Fredericksburg, Lampassas and Bastrop. The wagons usually traveled in convoys protected from Indians by a detachment of soldiers.

To the marriage of Joseph Abner Glasscock and Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glasscock 11 children were born. Two of the children died in infancy and one child, Lucien B. Glasscock, died in Menard at the age of 16. The following children grew to adulthood in Menard and Sonora and many of their families still live in the area: Samuel Joseph Glasscock, born 1858, married Hannah Margaret King; Moses P. called "Mode" Glasscock, born 1877, married Annie E. Carruthers; William Andrew Glasscock, born 1861 died 1924, married Maturia A. White; Robert E. Glasscock, born 1864 died 1953, married Katie L. Trimble; Sonora (some say Senora) Agnes Glasscock, born 1875 died 1949, married Irving Wilson Ellis; Priscilla Glasscock born 1869, married John Allen Ellis; James B. Glasscock, born 1875, married Maude Trimble; Catherine Ann, born 1873 died 1967, married Jim Bradford.

Eliza Ruth Bowmer Glasscock

died in Menard on March 12, 1907. Joseph Abner Glasscock died in Menard on October 5, 1917, and they are both buried in the Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Menard.

William Andrew Glasscock is listed as one of the earliest people in Sutton County to install wolf proof fencing. Not only did he install the wire fencing but he and his workers hauled rocks to the fence and piled it so wolves couldn't dig under the wire and get onto the property. Look at your property and figure how many rocks you would have to haul to do this and you can appreciate all the work that William Andrew Glasscock went to in order to insure the safety of his stock.

We are happy to report that the roof is finished on the Miens Home Museum. Next we will season and paint the flashing

and caulked areas on the second floor, and she will look as good as new. We plan to paint the entry hall of the Depot, and then it is back to the Ice House. There is so much work to be done! We could really use some help from some of our other members with a few of these tasks. I'm 60 and Rick is 63 and we are limited by age and infirmity in what we can do.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net We are more than happy to help people with their family trees, but our programs cost us over \$500 a year and books on all the counties are expensive, so there will be a fee assessed for researching families.

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson: you find the present tense, but the past perfect!
-Owens Lee Pomeroy

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY Arturo & Cecilia Galindo

in Alpine, Texas. Many Happy Years to Come!

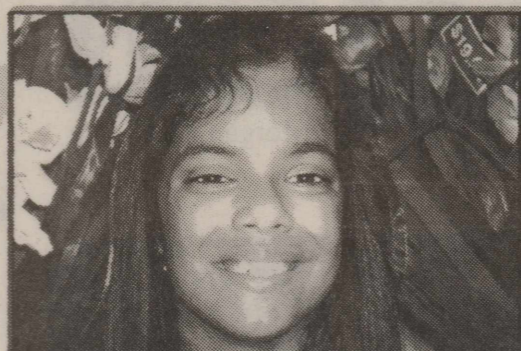
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Main Street Traffic
By Mary Ann Kay

The month of May is recognized by the state of Texas as Preservation Month, and in Sonora we have great respect for our rich western heritage and our history. The Sutton County Courthouse has received two Texas Courthouse Grants from the Texas Historical Commission.

Since the Main Street Program came to Sonora in 1994, our grand total of public and private joint ventures is \$3,890,531.00 in our historical downtown. The total in sales in buildings is \$685,000.00. Our downtown area has 61 jobs. Sonora has been recognized by the Texas Downtown Association Presidential Awards four times, and there are not many small towns in the state of Texas that have this record of awards. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been recognized as an outstanding Texas Main Street Program and also by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the last eight years.

You asked how Sonora has made their mark in history and in the eyes of the state of Texas. We have become an outstanding example for other cities in Texas of our size by continuing to practice being an active player in preservation of our heritage. We have completed these tasks with love for our rich western heritage, and the pioneer families have never forgotten their past. In the new Heritage Tourism Guidebook, on page 5, there is a great example of the power of preservation with the red ribbon cutting of the first completion of the restoration of the outside Sutton County Courthouse Grant Program. Soon we will all gather again to celebrate the completion of the total restoration of the Sutton County Courthouse. We as a community would like to express our appreciation to the Sutton County Commissioners, County Staff, Judge Garner, and Texas Historical Commission for completing the restoration of the Sutton County Courthouse.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to recognize 226 Main

Street, and 200 Main Street as outstanding restoration projects for 2007. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bob Everett (226 Main Street Building) have worked very hard to keep the historic preservation in the restoration plans of their building. Come see its beauty of fine workmanship inside and outside.

Monte and Sam Dillard (200 Main Street) are being recognized for the outstanding restoration project for 2007 of their building. Monte and Sam Dillard are not new to the historical downtown area, but they have shared their love for Sonora by including in their plans a touch of the past history of our downtown rich western heritage. The workmanship on the Dillard's building is of a master.

Mr. Webb worked on the corner building and brought back the rich western heritage of long ago. So if you haven't stopped in at Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance and saw the beauty of the building you need to take a minute and let Clara give you a tour.

The City of Sonora and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to recognize these two buildings with a Proclamation declaring these historic restoration projects as the outstanding projects for 2007. The Proclamation will be read and signed at the City of Sonora City Council Monthly Meeting on May 16th, 2007.

Coming Up Event- Memorial Day Celebration on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn on Monday May 28, 2007 at 2 p.m.

Special note of appreciation to the Veterans of our Community and the Good fellow Air Force Honor Guard for the outstanding program they have done each year and we know this year will also be an outstanding program. Hope to see you!

Keep **SONORA** Beautiful

"Trees are Terrific...and forests are too!"

By Susan Hall

This was the theme for the Arbor Day 2007 celebration.

The Texas Forest Service sponsored a poster contest for Texas in conjunction with the National Arbor Day Foundation. The contest was open to all fifth grade students across the state.

Keep Sonora Beautiful chose a winning poster drawn by our very own student, Cody Barber. His poster went on to win Honorable Mention on the state level and was framed and hung at the Capital for two weeks at the end of April.

Sonora can see the fifth grade students art at First National Bank.

This past Friday, was Arbor Day in Sonora, and these fifth grade students had the opportu-

nity to "dig in" and plant seven redbud trees at the cemetery. This event brought quite a "full circle" to the curriculum and a "real life" learning experience to each one of the students.

We can't thank all the people involved enough that made this such a GREAT learning experience, from the County Commissioners, our County Judge, Multi-Chem, Teachers, Coaches, KSB, County Cemetery Workers, County Extension Agent, FNB, and our Anonymous Donor of the redbud Trees; THANK YOU!

Hopefully, these students will have more of an appreciation of the trees where we live, work, and play.



Sonora Fifth Graders plant Redbud trees at the cemetery to commemorate Arbor Day.

Congressional Representative to be in Sonora

Midland, Texas- On Thursday, May 24, 2007, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's (TX-11) staff will be in Sonora from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Annex Building to visit personally with constituents. This will allow you to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions you may have.

Thanks to the generous contributions from these many sponsors, over \$16,000 have been awarded to the

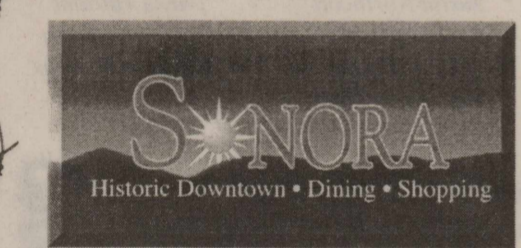
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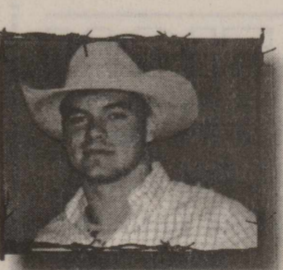



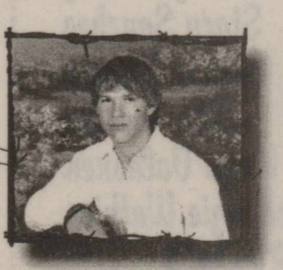









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Nine Lady Broncos Receive All-District Honors

District 8-2A has released the All-District teams for the 2007 girl's softball season.

Sonora's pitching stand-out, Meghan Krieg, was voted Most Valuable Player. Defensively, Heather Hughes brought home Defensive MVP honors.

Additionally, five Lady Broncos were awarded First Team All-District. The players are: Kimble Luna, catcher;

Kayla Fields, infielder; Jaimee Duran, infielder; Cassie Krieg, outfielder; and Azeneth Villanueva, outfielder.

Brandy Neff, infielder and Jessica Snyder, outfielder were named to the second team All-District squad and Steely Ingham received Honorable Mention All-District honors.

Congratulations to the Lady Broncos!

Old School Catfishing

Jug-fishing and limb-lining let you fish many places at the same time — and they work.

By Larry D. Hodge

The Old School recreation area on Lake Aquilla near Hillsboro is hard to find, but for those wanting to pursue catfish with jug lines, it's worth searching out. Its boat ramp gives access to areas where jug lines and limb-lines can put plenty of blue and channel catfish in your cooler.

John Tibbs, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Inland Fisheries district supervisor for the Waco area, shares my enthusiasm for jug-fishing.

I came to jug-fishing late in life. As a kid growing up in Central Texas, I was a frequent farm-pond fisher using a cane pole. Fishing trips started with digging earthworms in the yard or chasing down grasshoppers, swatting them with a willow switch and popping them into a Prince Albert tobacco tin to await their turn on the hook. The catfish we caught tasted pretty much like the muddy water where they lived, but catching them was fun.

Not until I was grown did I discover jug-fishing. While on a float trip down the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande, we found a number of abandoned jug lines fashioned from plastic quart motor-oil jugs. The cap screwed on over a knot on one end of a two-foot length of heavy twine that held the line in place. We hadn't anticipated fishing, so the only bait we had was pimento loaf sandwich meat. It didn't stay on the hook well, but the catfish didn't care. We'd toss a baited jug into the water and watch it pull ahead of the rubber raft as the current took it. Suddenly the jug would disappear, surface a short distance away, and head for the bank.

About the third time that happened, I was as hooked as the fish.

Part of the appeal of jug-fishing is purely visual. It's like fishing with a bobber, but instead of having just one line to watch, you can have a dozen or more. Set out a spread of jugs, anchor nearby, put some rod and reel lines in the water, and wait for a cruising catfish to find one of your baits. Small fish may just move the jug around a little when they take the bait, but a big fish will take it completely under. It's as exciting as watching a bass smash a topwater lure.

Jugs can be either free-floating, like those we found on the Rio Grande, or anchored to the bottom with a weight. Anchored jugs are like a vertical trotline, and you can adjust the length of the main line for whatever depth you're fishing. Put them in a good location, and they stay put — though if you pick the wrong place, you won't catch much.

Jugs must be white and bear the angler's name and address and the date set out. (Commercial jug-fishers must use orange jugs.) You can use plastic milk jugs, but they are not very durable. Ready-made versions are available, some of which tip up or "flag" to signal a bite. These have a short piece of rebar inside a length of PVC pipe and a collar of closed-cell foam on one end. The jugs are deployed with the rebar in the foam-covered end of the pipe; when a fish pulls on the line attached to the opposite end, it pulls the pipe down, and the rebar slides to that end, and the rig stands upright in the water.

John Tibbs makes his own anchored, non-flagging jugs out of two-foot lengths of white plastic pipe capped at both ends. He uses a main line about 25 feet long weighted with a brick or a cement-filled tin can with an eyebolt embedded in it. Two drop lines about two feet long are attached to the main line; these hold the hooks. "For the main line I prefer at least 300-pound test so if a fish pulls it into brush, you can retrieve the weight," Tibbs says. "I prefer 150-pound test for the drop lines." Hooks are 2/0 or bigger circle hooks.

"Circle hooks let the fish hook itself," Nick Tibbs points out. "Also, fish won't swallow the hook. They will take the bait and start to swim off with it, and the hook will turn and catch them, usually in the corner of the mouth."

Legally up to five hooks can be used on a jug-line, but it's best to use no more than two. When handling the jugs, especially if there is a big fish on, it's easy to get tangled up and even hook yourself if there are a bunch of hooks flying around. Tibbs uses hooks attached to the main line three and six feet above the weight.

It's a fine October morning when we set out on Lake Aquilla, and John Tibbs has a couple

Spivey and Word Team-up for Doubles Win



Jacob Spivey and Kody Word won first place consolation in Boy's Double competition at Mason in the varsity District 8-2A tennis tournament held April 10, 2007. Congratulations to Jacob and Kody!

of destinations in mind. The first is a flat adjacent to the Aquilla Creek channel. "One of the nice things about jugs is they can be set out on flats where there is no way to set a trot-line or limb-line, and you can catch cats cruising the flats looking for shad," he observes. "I've trot-lined and limb-lined and fished from the bank, but this is more fun. You see you have a fish and go pick up the jug. It's a more personal way of fishing than a trot-line."

Tibbs selects a flat between an island and the creek channel to set out a dozen jugs. The location offers several advantages. Catfish can use the creek channel as an underwater highway. Shad will move to the shallow water next to the island as the water warms, and the catfish can trap them between the bank and the deeper water. Plus we can beach the boat after setting out jug-lines and fish the flat using rods and reels while we wait for the jugs to get hit. It's a lazy, relaxing way to fish, but there's always the undercurrent of tension as we watch and wait for one of the jugs to tip up.

But for now we have more jugs to set out in another spot, and John has another trick he wants to try: using limb-lines under a cormorant roost. After setting out a half-dozen jugs at the point where a line of flooded trees marking an old fence line meets a thick stand of timber, we thread our way through the forest of dead trees to one that cormorants favor.

A limb-line can be nothing more than a length of stout line tied to a limb with a hook on the end, but the Tibbesses have a refinement: rubber hold-down straps with the hooks removed. The rubber strap acts as a shock absorber, so that if a big fish takes the bait, it's less likely to

break the line or snap the limb off. It also provides enough give to help keep a big fish from straightening the hook and getting away.

For bait we're using pieces of gizzard shad John catches with a cast net. "Chicken livers or worms work, too, and I've heard of people using stinkbaits on jugs or live perch for flat-heads," John says. "Anise-scented soap is also a popular catfish bait, but I prefer to use what the fish would normally eat."

Once the limb-lines are set out, it's time to go back to our first spread of jugs and check for bites. A flagging or moving jug doesn't guarantee a fish has been caught, however, and we have some false alarms during the day. But a few channel and blue catfish do find their way onto ice. To our surprise, the limb-lines under the cormorant roost produce not only more fish but also the biggest fish of the day.

By the end of the day, jug-fishing for catfish has widened the circle of friends for all three of us.

That alone is reason enough to go jugging for cats. But fresh catfish filets dredged in cornmeal and fried to a crispy golden brown, served up with hush puppies, coleslaw, french fries and savory pinto beans — now, there's the real payoff.

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In last week's edition, Jaimee Duran was mis-identified as Azeneth Villanueva in the picture caption of the Lady Bronco sliding into second base located on page 11.
We appreciate this error being brought to our attention.

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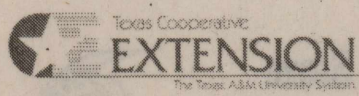
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Range Condition vs. Forage Condition



By Pascual Hernandez

We've been blessed with a wet spring and everything is green. Invariably, the question of range condition or forage condition comes up after periods of rainfall. But before it can be answered, we must ask ourselves another question, "How does range condition differ from forage condition?"

The terms range condition and forage condition are often used interchangeably, although

their meanings differ greatly. Range condition is the current ecological condition (as determined by species composition) of range as compared to its ecological potential. Forage condition relates to aspects such as the quantity of forage available and its nutritional qualities (protein, energy, minerals and palatability). Range condition changes gradually over a period of years. Forage condition can change in a few days.

Why is range condition important? As range condition improves, the number of different plant species growing on a spe-

cific range site usually increases. Greater species diversity improves both the stability of the plant community over time and the diet quantity and quality available to the grazing animal. Overall plant production and stability of a range site improves as range condition improves because shallow-rooted plants (annuals or sod-forming perennials) are replaced by deeper-rooted, perennial bunch grasses. This species shift creates better overall soil hydrologic conditions. Rainfall infiltration rates increase while evaporation and soil erosion decrease. These factors, along with more efficient use of water within the soil profile by deeper-rooted plants, results in greater forage production and stability.

Improved livestock production depends on higher range condition classes. Livestock are selective grazers. With higher condition classes, grazing animals can select from a greater diversity of plant species, thus maintaining a more optimum plane of nutrition. Diet quality levels will also vary less from season to season and year to year as compared to lower range condition classes. So let's hope that these rains have enhanced plant vigor and improved forage condition.

Along related lines, we want to remind you of the "Ranchers Roundup" annual workshop. Discussion topics and demonstrations will range from fecal sampling for parasites and building cost-effective skid sprayers to predator trapping techniques and managing for prescribed burning. The cost is \$15 by the registration deadline of May 18; \$25 thereafter. Four (4) CEUs will be available for those with a pesticide applicator license. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more details.

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Devon Energy Corporation Donates \$1,000 To Create Display To Draw Attention To DWI Problem

LUBBOCK, TEXAS – A project to raise awareness of DWI among young people received a \$1,000 boost this week following a donation from Devon Energy Corporation. Bruce Slaughter, a Devon Ambassador, presented Amy O'Meara of Lubbock Victim Assistance Services, Inc. with the check.

O'Meara said the money will be used to educate high school students, and the community of Lubbock and the surrounding areas on the adverse affects of drunk driving through a program called "Speak Out."

"This program is a campaign to raise alcohol awareness and save the lives of our youth and citizens by providing them with the information they need to make those critical decisions in their lives," she said. "We are so very appreciative of this donation. It means so much when businesses step up and help us in our mission to serve Lubbock and the surrounding areas. We know we can't do it alone."

As part of the program, the agency has constructed a trailer display bearing a DWI victim's car. The display is accompanied by a video presentation to tell the story of the victims. Jacqueline Little and Bryan Perry, two west Texas teens who were in the car when a drunk driver hit it, were both killed. The trailer will be taken to area schools in Lubbock and the surrounding communities and students will be able to view the display during their lunch periods. Specific events, such as prom and graduation, are times when the trailer will be on display, as well as other school events and community events.

"We have already had numerous callers interested in using the trailer, which makes this even more essential to Lubbock and the surrounding area," said

O'Meara. "We think it is crucial to have a positive impact on society and encourage everyone to make the "right" decision as they prepare to enjoy some of those great moments in their life."

"We are grateful for the efforts of this organization to focus attention on this problem," said Bruce Slaughter, Devon Ambassador. "This donation is just another way we can show that we value safety on and off the job site."

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3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Winnie R Aldwell Trust #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/16/07 Assigned
4 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8500' Minnie H Mayer -d- #305 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 05/06/07 6 Drlg Ahead
5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8450' Edwin S Hill-mayer Jr -d- #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 05/04/07 8 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8420' Mayer Ranch -d- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/11/07 1 Drlg Ahead
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New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8275' Simmons -3- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/11/07 1 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7475' Shurley -147- #28 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/08/07 4 Drlg Ahead
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Crockett

1 Henry Petroleum 11000' Univ13 Connie3 #6 Dw Patterson Uti/midland 487 05/07/07 5 Drlg Ahead 5225'
2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9650' Friend -25- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 04/29/07 13 Drlg Ahead
New 3 Encore Operating Lp 9250' J L Henderson Jr -a- #5-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 05/05/07 7 Drlg Ahead
New 4 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #328 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 05/09/07 3 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500' McMullan -3- #8 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 05/11/07 1 As Direct
6 Pogo Producing Co 8500' University 14-1 #1 Dw O'Ryan Drilling Llc 4 04/27/07 15 Drlg Ahead 6269'
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8 Chevron/midland 8400' Scheuber Wilkins -II- Unit -3-Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 05/08/07 4 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Davidson #1721 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 05/06/07 6 Drlg Ahead
New 10 Fiml Natural Res 6500' Mayfield #4-38a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 05/06/07 6 Drlg Ahead
New 11 Mlc Operating 5000' Bouscaren Unit #257 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 737 05/14/07 W.o.w.

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New 1 3-m Energy Corp. 7500' Williams-e- #1 Sand Dollar Drilling 22 05/01/07 11 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Newfield Exploration 15000' Poulter #3701 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 04/19/07 23 Drlg Ahead
2 Encore Operating Lp 12900' Brown Bassett Goode Unit #5 Hr Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 02/28/07 73 Drlg Ahead
3 Bp America Prod/mid 12500' Banner Estate #37 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/14/07 28 Drlg Ahead
4 Wtg Exploration 9900' Aunt Josie -c- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 04/19/07 23 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Fasken Oil & Ranch #??? Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 05/11/07 1 Drlg Ahead

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1 Conocophillips/odess 11800' J A Ranch -l- #5 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 481 04/22/07 20 W.o.o. 2360'
2 Purvis Operating 11000' Whitehead -46- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 04/25/07 17 Drlg Ahead

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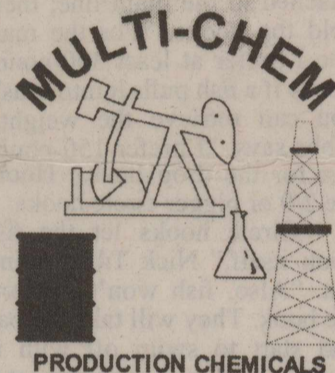
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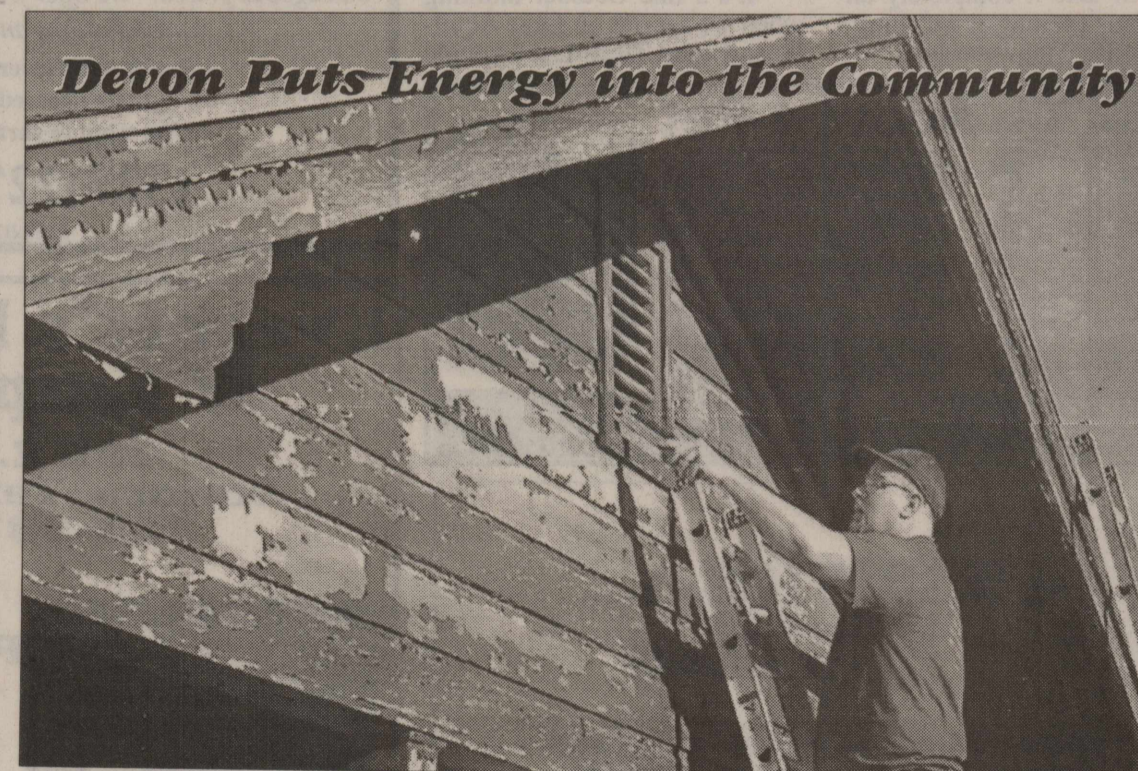
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Common Medicare Questions

Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-
Sutton County

What is Medicare?

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease. Medicare has many programs from which one may choose.

Part A: Most people do not pay a premium for Part A because they or a spouse already paid for it through payroll taxes. One qualifies for Part A after working and paying taxes for 40 quarters (approximately 10 years). Medicare Part A helps cover inpatient care in hospitals as well as skilled nursing facilities; however, Medicare does not pay for long-term care (nursing home, assisted living, etc.). It may also help cover hospice care and some home health care.

Part B: Part B is completely optional and most people pay a monthly premium for it. Medicare Part B helps cover doctors' office visits and outpatient care, such as lab tests. It also covers some other medical services that Part A does not cover, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and some home health care. Part B helps pay for these covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary.

While the monthly premium for Part B may go up each year, those who do not sign up when they first become eligible, usually within six months of turning 65, may pay higher monthly premiums as a penalty. Programs are available to beneficiaries who meet certain income requirements to reduce or eliminate

their monthly premium and/or deductible.

Part D: Part D is completely optional and most people pay a monthly premium for this coverage. Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to all Medicare beneficiaries. If a beneficiary signs up for this coverage, it may help lower prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future. While Medicare lends its name to this program and oversees it, coverage is provided by private companies.

While the monthly premium for Part D may go up each year, those who do not sign up when they first become eligible, usually within six months of turning 65, may pay higher monthly premiums as a penalty. However, those beneficiaries who can prove they had existing prescription drug coverage during that time may be able to have their penalty waived. Programs are available to beneficiaries who meet certain income requirements to reduce or eliminate their monthly premium and/or deductible.

Medicare Advantage:

Medicare Advantage Plans work more like private insurance and are usually administered by private companies but are still part of the Medicare program. If you join one of these plans, you generally get all your Medicare-covered health care through that plan. Medicare Advantage Plans may include Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMOs), Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), Private Fee-for-Service Plans and/or Medicare Special Needs Plans.

When you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you use the insurance card that you get from the plan. In many plans, there may be extra benefits and lower co-payments than in Original Medicare (Parts A and B). However, you may have to see specific health providers that belong to the plan or go to certain hospitals to get services.

To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must have Medicare Part A and Part B. You will have to pay your monthly Medicare Part B premium to Medicare. In addition, you might have to pay a monthly

premium to your Medicare Advantage Plan for the extra benefits that they offer.

Where can I get information about all the changes with Medicare?

The best way to find information about changes to Medicare is to go directly to the source: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, also known as CMS.

Changes to Medicare are usually only made once per year and go into effect the following January. As such, every year, usually in October, CMS produces and distributes a publication entitled "Medicare & You" followed by the applicable year (for instance, in 2007 the publication was called "Medicare & You 2007"). A copy of this publication is mailed to each Medicare beneficiary and is also available for download from the Medicare website in English and Spanish. Keep this publication until the next year's publication is mailed or available for download from the Medicare website.

What is MediGap?

MediGap is a common name given to any number of supplemental, or back-up, insurance plans that may help cover some of the costs not covered by Medicare. MediGap plans are standardized and titled A through L, each with particular benefits available. In Texas, you may visit the Texas Department of Insurance website for a list of plans and their benefits: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/consumer/medsup.html>.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also contact Medicare by phone 800.MEDICARE (800.633.4227) or the Internet: <http://www.medicare.gov>. Your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or State Unit on Aging may also be able to provide information about Medicare. In Texas, you may call your local AAA at 800.252.9240 or Department of Aging and Disability Services at 512.438.3011. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health.

City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

May 7, 2007

• Shawn Sky Newberry, 31, from Palestine, Texas was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

Incidents:

May 7, 2007

• 7:26 AM: Caller reported an 18-wheeler parked blocking traffic. Officer responded.
• 7:38 AM: Caller reported 2 loose dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 10:00 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
• 4:02 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
• 6:30 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.

May 8, 2007

• 8:14 AM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Officer responded.
• 8:20 AM: Caller reported vandalism to building. Officer responded.
• 2:03 PM: Caller reported two loose dogs on roadway. Officer responded.
• 4:14 PM: Caller reported a burglary. Officer responded.
• 6:10 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

May 9, 2007

• 7:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 2:10 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
• 4:45 PM: Caller reported a gas

drive off. Officer responded.

• 5:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

May 10, 2007

• 12:05 AM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Deputy responded.
• 2:10 AM: Caller reported vandalism on vehicle. Officer responded.
• 9:30 AM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 9:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

May 11, 2007

• 3:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 6:30 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking alley. Officer responded.
• 8:35 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
• 9:00 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

May 12, 2007

• 1:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 4:00 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

May 13, 2007

• 3:15 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
• 8:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 10:10 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

F.Y.I.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Help fight cancer- The American Cancer Society wants to give everyone the opportunity to help fight the disease that claims so many lives. Purchase a luminary and help light the way to a cure! Proceeds for the luminary sales will benefit cancer research, service and education. For more information, please call Dorothy at 387-2521 ext. 114.

The 2007 Relay for Life Festival will be held at the Sonora Bronco Baseball Field beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19th and ending at 1:00 a.m. Sunday, May 20th. If you are a Cancer Survivor please contact: Sue Lozano - 387-2521 ext. 140 or Noemi Samaniego - 387-2521 ext. 123. The public will be brought face to face with those effected by Cancer in a photo show. If you have a photo you would like to submit of yourself or a loved one lost to or effected by Cancer, please contact: Jody Luttrell - 387-3588 ext. 7250 or Mariah Castro - 387-3861 or Katie - 387-3893

A Softball Tournament benefiting Relay for Life will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the Sutton County Softball Field. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. FMI call Lance Castro at 387-3588 ext. 7246 or Marrisca Faz at 387-2041.

Attention Livestock Show Exhibitors - All Sutton County 4-H exhibitors who marketed animals at major stock shows can pick up checks at the Sutton County Extension Office. Call the office at 387-3101 with any questions.

If you have an opinion on whether or not you would like to see Sutton County Days festivities moved back to the courthouse square, contact your precinct's County Commissioner with your feedback.

ESL Summer School Sonora Elementary is offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) Summer School Program. This program is offered to limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year. This program will be offered from June 4 - July 13 from 8:00 - 12:00 each day. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the elementary office by Friday, May 25. In order to provide this program, we must have at least 10 children sign-up to attend. If you have any questions, call the Elementary School office at 387-6951.

Escuela de Verano Para Estudiantes de ESL. La Escuela Primaria de Sonora está ofreciendo un programa ESL (Ingles como Segunda Idioma) de escuela de verano. Este programa se ofrece a estudiantes que están limitados en el idioma de ingles y que son elegibles para entrar a kinder o primer grado al comienzo del año escolar de 2007-2008. Este programa se ofrecerá del 4 de junio -13 de julio de 8:00 - 12:00 cada día. Si usted desea que su niño/niña participe, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela primaria antes del viernes, 25 de mayo. A manera de poder ofrecer este programa, necesitamos tener por lo menos 10 estudiantes inscritos para asistir. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de la escuela primaria al número 387-6951.

Sonora High School Class of 1997 is having a 10 year reunion during the 2007 Sutton County Days. Michele Cramer Spillman is in need of addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to contact classmates for the upcoming reunion. Michele may be emailed at michelespillman@gardere.com or after 6:00 p.m. at 214-515-5593.

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DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251426
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 17, 2007 STATUS/RESULT: In process

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P, INC, [RRC Operator No. 222282] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. D, GC&SF RR CO / ADAMS, T B Survey, A-1639, SAWYER (CANYON) and SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) and FANCETT (WOLFCAMP) Fields, SUTTON County, being 11 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 831.0

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Survey Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 831.0

Lease Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L

FIELD: FANCETT (WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1710.0

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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SAWYER (CANYON) :
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) :
Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

FANCETT (WOLFCAMP) :
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8975 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 29, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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Coalition Raids Turn Up 35 Suspected Terrorists

Sunday, 13 May 2007
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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition forces detained 35 suspected terrorists during several raids Sunday morning targeting al-Qaeda in Iraq senior leadership.

During a raid near Tarmiyah, Coalition forces detained 11 individuals for their suspected involvement with a regional al Qaeda in Iraq emir and al Qaeda senior leaders. In two other operations in the Tarmiyah area, Coalition forces detained eight suspected terrorists allegedly tied to a network responsible for kidnapping, extortion and attacks against Coalition forces.

Coalition forces detained six suspected terrorists in Baghdad, including an individual with alleged close ties to an explosives expert who also facilitates the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq.

Northwest of Fallujah, Coalition forces targeted terrorists allegedly tied to an al-Qaeda in Iraq cell leader and detained 10 suspects.

"We're steadily dismantling the al-Qaeda in Iraq network," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. "Their leadership structure is crumbling and their manpower pool is diminishing."

Remember to Pray for our Troops as they fight for freedom.

Iraqi Army Soldiers Lead Operations, Detain 21

Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory
APO AE 09342
May 12, 2007
Multi-National Division – North PAO

TIKRIT, Iraq – Twenty one suspected terrorists were detained near Muqadadiya, Iraq during a joint Iraqi army and Coalition operation Wednesday.

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 5th Iraqi army, led the operation, supported by Soldiers from 6-9 Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, to provide a safe and secure environment for the people throughout the Muqadadiya Qadaha.

"With the Iraqi army in the lead, this operation allowed the soldiers to gain confidence in their abilities as the true de-

fenders of their nation," said Lt. Col. Keith Gogas, 6-9 ARS commander. "They were able to successfully plan and conduct operations independent of Coalition Forces, which is a vital step toward their transfer of authority."

The 21 detainees were from the Muqdad and Al-Ahmer district of Muqadadiya, and were transferred to an IA detention facility for further questioning.

"Through this intelligence-driven and target-based operation, the people of Muqadadiya have also been able to gain confidence in their security forces as the IA was able to rid the area of people involved in terrorist activity," Gogas added. "We will continue to work with the Iraqi army as they assume more planning responsibility."

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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

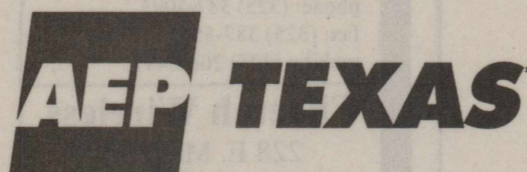
Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Voters approve tax relief amendment for seniors, disabled

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas voters approved Senate Joint Resolution 13 in the May 12 election.

Unofficial results available May 13 revealed the statewide turnout was only 7 percent, with 88 percent of the voters casting ballots in favor of the resolution.

SJR 13 amends the state constitution to authorize the Legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead.

The change benefits older or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed a year ago in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

Guv threatens special session

The bill the Texas House and Senate passed enacting a two-year moratorium on private toll road projects landed on Gov. Rick Perry's desk May 7.

The legislation, HB 1892 authored by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, puts Perry's Trans Texas Corridor on ice but grants powers to certain county and regional tollway authorities. Those entities would have first option in building projects within their jurisdictions.

Perry said the moratorium is not what bothers him the most about the bill.

The big issues, he said, are potential loss of federal funding and the wording of the bill, which he said would adversely affect the Texas Department of Transportation's contracting and oversight responsibilities. A letter from the Federal Highway Administration raises those questions.

Perry suggested lawmakers reconsider and rework the bill before the end of the current session. He hinted that the alternative to that would be a veto and then a special session.

House passes TYC reform bill

The House on May 7 tentatively approved legislation to overhaul the Texas Youth Commission, which earlier this year was put in conservatorship after reports surfaced of sexual abuse of inmates and fiscal mismanagement at the agency.

SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, is crafted to enhance transparency of its operations, prosecute offenses committed within the agency, and improve the hiring practices of guards.

The bill's House sponsor, Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said, "The abuse and poor performance identified at the TYC cannot be allowed to continue. This bill reforms the structure, management and oversight of the commission to provide true rehabilitation, not just the punitive warehousing that characterizes the system today."

In related news, Will Harrell, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was named ombudsman for the TYC, contingent on passage of SB 103. His job will be to evaluate and secure youths' rights.

Agency would send border funds

The House on May 7 passed its version of the border security bill. HB 13 by Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, creates a border security council to oversee distribution of more than \$100 million to border law enforcement agencies.

Swinford's bill encourages cities and counties to cooperate with federal agencies in immigration matters.

The bill also provides for a study to evaluate expedited deportation of illegal immigrants held in state jails and prisons for criminal offenses. Speaker Tom Craddick said, "This is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will pass this session as it affects the safety of every citizen of this state and country."

The bill moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Bill ties teacher raise to tax relief Also moving to the Senate for further consideration is HB 2785, legislation reducing the school property tax rate to 91 cents per \$100 valuation in the 2008-2009 biennium.

An amendment to HB 2785 by Rep. Jim Dunning, D-Waco, prevents the state from reducing property taxes further without giving school districts and open-enrollment charter schools an amount equivalent to \$6,000 for every full-time teacher, librarian and counselor. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said Dunning's amendment "tacks on \$4.4 billion in other costs which would likely gut tax relief that we promised Texans last year."

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

Relay for Life
Saturday, May 19, 2007
Sutton County Park
1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Observed
May 28, 2007

City of Sonora Cleanup
Saturday, June 9

Graduation
Friday, May 25, 2007

West Texas Championship Cook-Off
Saturday, June 2
Sutton County Park

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 17, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251429
Status/Permit No. 636508

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 9
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 865.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 699.0

Lease Lines : 865.0 F S L, 1151.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1731.0 F N L, 1151.0 F E L

FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 9
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 865.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 792.0

Lease Lines : 865.0 F S L, 1151.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1731.0 F N L, 1151.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 9
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 865.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 699.0

Lease Lines : 865.0 F S L, 1151.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1731.0 F N L, 1151.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (CANYON) :

GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8975 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 17, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251430
Status/Permit No. 636519

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P, INC. [RRC Operator No. 222282] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. D, GC&SF RR CO / ADAMS, T B Survey, A-1639, SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) and SAWYER (CANYON) Fields, SUTTON County, being 11 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 7
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 525.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 750.0

Lease Lines : 1250.0 F N L, 525.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1250.0 F N L, 525.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20
Lease/Unit Well No. : 7
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 525.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 750.0

Lease Lines : 1250.0 F N L, 525.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1250.0 F N L, 525.0 F E L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (CANYON) :

GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8975 feet.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISIONDISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 9, 2007Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251726
Status/Permit No. 637846

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 16
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1230.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 803.0

Lease Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L

FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 16
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1230.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 803.0

Lease Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 16
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1230.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 803.0

Lease Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1230.0 F S L, 1671.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SAWYER (CANYON) :
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8995 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Keri Pfeifer, at (405)7495213.

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IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jun 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISIONDISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 9, 2007Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251723
Status/Permit No. 637834

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 13
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1109.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 749.0

Lease Lines : 1210.0 F W L, 1491.0 F S L
Survey Lines : 1491.0 F S L, 1210.0 F W L

FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 13
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1109.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 749.0

Lease Lines : 1210.0 F W L, 1491.0 F S L
Survey Lines : 1491.0 F S L, 1210.0 F W L

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 13
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1109.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 749.0

Lease Lines : 1210.0 F W L, 1491.0 F S L
Survey Lines : 1491.0 F S L, 1210.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

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SAWYER (CANYON) :
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8995 feet.

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Junction Hosts Pecos Trail Region Board

Submitted by Ann Kay

Texas Tech University at Junction was the site of the recent Board meeting and Educational Experience of the Texas Pecos Trail Region partners, area guests and visitors from as far away as Monahans and Sanderson. The Pecos Trail heritage tourism program represents a 22 county area in Central-southwest Texas, Kimble County included.

A colorful welcome to the "Land of Living Waters" by Frederica Wyatt, Director of Kimble County Historic Museum, a review by Dr. Grant Hall of TT-Junction, of the diversified and "nature based" resources offered by the local campus, and a review of the community's Environmental Heritage tourism programs by James Murr, President of the Junction EDC, made for such an interesting program the "question and answer

session" ran into the lunch hour.

The Junction Economic Development Corporation sponsored the speakers program and networking Luncheon at TT-Junction. (Mary Ann Kay from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program represented Sutton County.) The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce's Connie Booth provided informative Welcome Bags to the meeting guests and board members, rich with promotional items for Junction businesses and services and encouraged the guests to "stay, play and enjoy the shopping in Junction!" Patricia Whitty, Executive Director of the EDC and James Murr, President of EDC and TPTR board member, hosted the program and were outstanding representatives of the contemporary movement in the Junction area to promote a sound and progressive economic development founda-

tion for the community. Additional guests representing the Junction area were Patsy Hall of the Kimble County Library, and Debbie Cooper, publisher of the Junction Eagle.

The TPTR's business meeting covered a review of projects in preservation, education and promotions with a special highlight of the beneficial education workshops and events the Pecos Trail is bringing to the southwest Texas area.

A Texas Friendly Hospitality Training workshop is scheduled in Iraan (Pecos County) for Region partners and their business and museum employees in June, and the first Annual Membership Meeting for the entire region and its supporters is planned for July 26-27 in Pecos (Reeves County).

The Pecos Trail "Kick", in conjunction with the July board meeting, is planning a silent auction, western dinner, and various family activities.

Additional efforts in advocacy on bills pending in legislature, funding action plans, and Pecos Region marketing projects - finished out the agenda.

For more information on how you can get assistance with preserving and promoting Texas heritage tourism in your community, contact the region coordinator, Keith Godwin at 325-387-2927, or visit their resourceful website at www.texas-pecostrail.com, or plan on attending the next Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors meeting in Pecos, Reeves County on July 27.

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 9, 2007Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251725
Status/Permit No. 637844

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 15
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 603.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 763.0

Lease Lines : 603.0 F N L, 1503.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 2014.0 F S L, 1503.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 15
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 603.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 763.0

Lease Lines : 603.0 F N L, 1503.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 2014.0 F S L, 1503.0 F E L

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HSTE Students Pass CNA Examination

The Sonora High School Health, Science, Technology and Education students have worked hard to accomplish their goals this year.

The class travelled to Eldorado on May 12, 2007 to sit for the Nurses Aide Certification examination, which each passed, enabling the new CNA's to ob-

tain employment in a health care facility, if they so choose. Congratulations to all the girls!



HSTE students Sierra Gomez, Yeanette Zapata, Whitney Perez, Kaija Valkonen, Amanda Rubalcava and instructor, Ada Castilleja after passing the CNA exam.

Mother's Day at Senior Center

Submitted by Juanita Mesa

The Sonora Senior Center celebrated Mother's day on May 11, 2007.

The Senior mothers are: Dorothy Baker, Gaile Cade, Aurora Cardenas, Angie Castro, Elida Castor, Shala Cavaness, Rosalba Chavez, Juanita Chavez, Jeanette Cooper, Marie Curtis, Teresa Flores, Lole Galindo, Tina Gallegos, Mary Gilly, Doris Grantland, Candi Guerra, Nilda Hernandez, Nancy Hill, Jean Humphreys, Dorothy Jungk, Vicenta Lopez, Elvida Martinez, Maria Carrasco, Lupe Mendez, Rebecca Perez, Virginia Ramirez, Jean Redman, Julia Reynoso, Victoria Romero, Ofilia Torres, Angelita Trevino, Alicia Sanchez, Teresa Vasquez, Charlotte Zurita, Olivia Longoria, Beatrice Artiaga, Manuela Artiaga, Lorriane Polonis, Na-

dine Eby, Josie Gonzales, Kate Jenkins, Mary Lynn Gosney, Adelina Mata, Kathleen Moore, JoAnn Palmer, Odilia Paredes, Amelia Ramos, Lucy Ramos, Jackie Poloccek, Betty Stephen, Olivia Perez and Sydonia Wilson.

And we must not forget our homebound mothers:

Beatriz Barron, Tina Capuchina, Isidra Castro, Polly Covey, Linda Cumpian, Nora Dominguez, Gertie Drake, Rosa Galindo, Carmen Galvan, Petra Merry, Macca Glasscock, Maria Morin, Eulojia Samaniego, Hilda May Smith, Felis Solis, Mary Swails, Faye Thorp, Inocencia Ynguanzo, Dene Tittle, and Maria Olga Vallejo.

All "Senior" mothers re-

ceived a Rose pen from the staff (Juanita, Lilia, Lisa, Lisa, Angie, Hilda) at The Center and Mrs. Charlotte Wilson played the piano and the ladies sang "Las Mananitas" a traditional song sang on Mother's Day in Mexico.

The Senior men got entertained by doing the "Hula Hoop" or should I say, tried to do the Hula! They were: Jim Polonis, Virgil Poloccek, and Phillip Cooper and I will report that they did pretty good so, some of the ladies had to try too, they were: Gaile Cade, Tina Gallegos, Lorraine Polonis and Doris Grantland and I must report they were very good also, but I need to practice if we are doing this again! Everyone had a great time and I would like to thank everyone for their help!

Marfa Museum Receive National Conservation Grants

The Chinati Foundation-Marfa, TX
Award Amount: \$115,000;
Matching Amount: \$290,300
Grant Category: Treatment of collections
Project Title: "Conservation

Treatment of Donald Judd's Outdoor Works in Concrete"
The Chinati Foundation will use its grant to treat 15 groups of multipart works in concrete by the 20th century contemporary sculptor Donald Judd. Each of these groups

has different dimensions and comprises between two and six individual units. These outdoor, unnamed concrete sculptures were created from 1980-1984 by two different fabricators.

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 14
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1166.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 740.0

Lease Lines : 1166.0 F S L, 2545.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1166.0 F S L, 2545.0 F E L

FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 14
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1166.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 863.0

Lease Lines : 1166.0 F S L, 2545.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1166.0 F S L, 2545.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 14
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 9, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251722
Status/Permit No. 637833

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 12
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1002.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 621.0

Lease Lines : 1438.0 F S L, 1002.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 1438.0 F S L, 1002.0 F E L

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Status/Permit No. 637831

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 10
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1541.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 644.0

Lease Lines : 1541.0 F S L, 1956.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 1541.0 F S L, 1956.0 F W L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 10
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
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The Devil's River News

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228 E. Main St.

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House For Sale

It is finally time to sell...
This home is in the Castlehill Subdivision, 308 Edgemont. It has 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, Sunroom, Study, Formal Dining Room, 2 Car Garage, Huge Kitchen, Completely Updated with many EXTRAS! 387-5553

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New on the Market!



605 Allen Dr. - \$82,000

Ideally located on a dead-end street, not far from the elementary & Middle Schools, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath frame home is situated on a large, well established lot. The frame home is pier & beam construction with a large attached 2-car carport and covered patio in the backyard. Interior amenities include tiled floors in the kitchen/dining area, built-in appliances and central heat & air. This property offers great curb appeal with numerous mature trees and curbed flowerbeds.



608 Allen Dr. - \$142,500

This 4 bedroom, 3 bath frame home is situated on a dead-end street near the elementary and middle schools. The spacious floor plan offers a great den, separate living room and large dining area. The home features abundant storage throughout, a fireplace, 2 AC/CH units and 2 water heaters. Outside amenities include an attached 2-car carport, covered patio, wood privacy fence and large mature trees

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102 Sawyer Court

3 bedroom, 2 bath, Brick Home, Double Car Garage, Central Air & Heat, Great Landscaping, Swimming Pool

A Must See!!
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3 bedroom 2 bath, large den with fireplace, sprinkler system, covered parking in back.

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\$151,500

24 acre tract - Bloodworth Road - Nice



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Public Notice

NO. 1324
ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD RENFROE, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of JAMES EDWARD RENFROE, Deceased, were issued on March 27, 2007, under Docket No. 1324, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to SAMUEL LEE RENFROE. Claims may be presented in the care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative,
Estate of JAMES EDWARD RENFROE, Deceased
c/o Layne R. Turner, Attorney
202 West Twohig, Suite 100
San Angelo, Texas 76903
All persons having claims against the estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated May 8, 2007
Respectfully submitted,
By Layne R. Turner, Attorney for Applicant

Public Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUTH SWEETEN GIBBS, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that the original letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ruth Sweeten Gibbs, Deceased, were issued on May 14, 2007, in Cause No. 1328, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, Sitting In Matters Probate, to: Laura Gwen Parker, as Independent Executrix. The residence of Laura Gwen Parker is Crockett County, Texas. Her mailing address is:
Post Office Box 880
Ozona, Texas 76943
All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the same addressed in care of the Independent Executrix, or in care of the Independent Executrix's attorney of record, or in care of "Representative, Estate of Ruth Sweeten Gibbs", within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 14th day of May, 2007.
LAURA GWEN PARKER
BY WILLIAM KEATON BLACKBURN
Attorney for the Independent Executrix
Post Office Box 446
Junction, Texas 76849

Wanted

Sonora ISD is accepting the following bids for the Cafeteria: Bread, Tortillas (Flour) 6 & 7", Milk, Linen. The bids will be for the 2007-2008 school year. Bids are available at the school Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed bids are due at the above address by 3:00 PM, on Monday, June 4th, 2007. Please mark bid envelope "Food Service Products Bid." The district has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Free Pets

Free kittens, litter box trained call 325-206-0706

Public Notice

Sonora ISD will accept sealed bids for all phases of construction for a new vocational building. Bids will be accepted for:

1. Site work
2. Plumbing
3. Concrete slab
4. Prefab metal building
5. Construction of prefab metal building
6. Electrical
7. Interior walls
8. A/C system and install

Specs can be obtained at the Adm. Office or by calling 325-387-6940. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until May 29, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened. The bids will awarded May 30, 2007 at the Board Room, 805 Prospect, Sonora, TX 76950. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Employment

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan, Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 432-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 432-336-7821.

The Glover Company is seeking qualified and experienced CDL applicants. For Trans-VAC Drivers, Winch Truck Drivers, Swabbing Unit operators, and Swabbing Unit helpers. We Provide: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Uniforms and Christmas Bonus. Please apply in person to 2973 I-10 or phone at (325) 392-2561.

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at Mr. D's, 216 Hwy. 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

Sonora Golf Club needs someone to work part time in the pro shop. Come by and pick up an application. You must be 21.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED! Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch trucks. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

Hiring Commercial Drivers: Current Class A CDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker. Want great pay and cash incentives? No 24-hour call. Established company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext. 140.

Local company seeks workers: Will train. Must be 18 years or older, have a current TX drivers license and a clean driving record. Call 325-387-3154 for more information or stop by 307 E. Chestnut St. for application.

Concho Refrigeration Services has an opening for an Air Conditioning equipment installer, salary commensurate with experience. Call for appointment, Leticia at 387-3707 8:00 - 5:00

Employment

Caverns of Sonora hiring weekday and weekend guides. Please apply in person. 325-387-3105

Starting at \$7.00 and up, hiring for all positions and maintenance. Please apply in person with Teresa James at Dairy Queen. Drug Free and Smoke Free Environment.

C.N.A.'s Needed: Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, TX is looking for good C.N.A.'s that are willing to earn top dollar in long term care coupled with paid employee health insurance, personal time off and mileage allowance. CCCC is fresh off a deficiency free survey and is looking to repeat the same in 2007. Interested? Please call direct (no long distance), 392-2671 or drop by 103 N. Ave. H and ask for Vicki or Benny. CCCC is an EOE.

Dozer Operator Hiring experienced heavy equipment operator for contract job between Rocksprings and Sonora. Call 512-466-4785

Schleicher County Nursing Home: We need dependable, hard working, fulltime C.N.A.'S, to join our team. If you are not certified, we will pay for your certification through Howard College. Each position would work a minimum of three 12 hour shifts with every other weekend off. We pay weekend and night differentials, seven paid Holidays, Insurance, Vision, and Life Insurance provided for full time employees. Day care available 24 hrs/ 7 days a week. We pay incentive pay at 6 months and 12 months of continuous employment. You will receive longevity pay each 12 months of full time employment. Call us, and get on board with a winning team. Anita Jones or Sarah Huges @ 325-853-3026 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Carrier wanted! San Angelo Standard times seeking someone to deliver newspapers to houses in Sonora. Makes approximately \$1,400 working morning hours. 1-800-588-1884 ext 8291.

Employment Notice: Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for part-time positions intended for students. The positions consist of maintenance for the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse, Library, and Road & Bridge Departments. Applications for the positions mentioned above may be obtained at the Auditors office and must be returned by May 18, 2007. Applicants applying for Library position, must obtain and return application from Library personnel. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

LMH
LILLIAN M. HUDSPETH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Transcriptionist: Excellent typing skills required. Medical transcription experience preferred. FT position, FT Benefits. Apply in person 308 Hudspeth Street

CDL DRIVER NEEDED! Service company needs motivated CDL drivers and forklift drivers. Must have clean driving record and at least 3 years verifiable experience. Offers competitive pay with overtime and health insurance. Drug free, dependable and serious persons fax qualifications to 325.387.3813 or call 325.387.5648. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Hiring Immediately all positions. Call and ask for Jessica or Maria at 387-9127 or stop by Taco Grill, 232 Hwy. 277 North.

Comfort Inn now hiring for Housekeepers, part-time maintenance, full-time maintenance and summer help, competitive wages, no experience needed will train, please apply in person at the Comfort Inn.

Make up to \$2,500.00 in 11 days. Looking for enthusiastic adult to manage a fireworks stand outside Sonora June 24 thru July 4. No investment required. Phone 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. for more info 830-429-3808 or 1-800-364-0136



Beautiful home in Sonora's premier neighborhood. Three bedrooms and two baths with a recently remodeled master bath and new covered patio. There will be an open house on Sunday May 20th from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm. Call 387-2461 or 206-1067 for further information.

Employment

Mobile Home Park Manager needed, older couple preferred. Must be experienced and move in park in Sonora: 830-313-1060

For Sale

Home for sale by owner- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, located on double lot, 925 sq. ft. of covered storage, many pecan trees. Must see to believe. 403 N. West St. Eldorado, TX. Please call 325-853-3036 or 325-277-3693.

16x75 mobile home for sale, 3 bedroom 2 bath, must sell, call 387-2041, leave message if no answer.

Land Home Packages - Zero down if you own your land EZ financing 1-800-934-9644, RBI #03190

1995 Chevy Cargo Utility Van, good condition, asking \$2,000 or best offer. Call Mike at 325-206-1953.

Owner in Jail - Make up back payments and move in 210-673-9025, RBI #03190

Build your own home! Karstin/Clayton tape and textured, Yes we finance, Call Today 800-934-9644, RBI #03190

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No Money Down - use your land (all or part) as your down payment, BAD credit, SLOW credit, NO credit... ok., all applications accepted! (800) 323-0822

Palm Harbors for sale - bring this ad in and receive \$2,500 off any new home or John Deere lawnmower. (800) 323-0822

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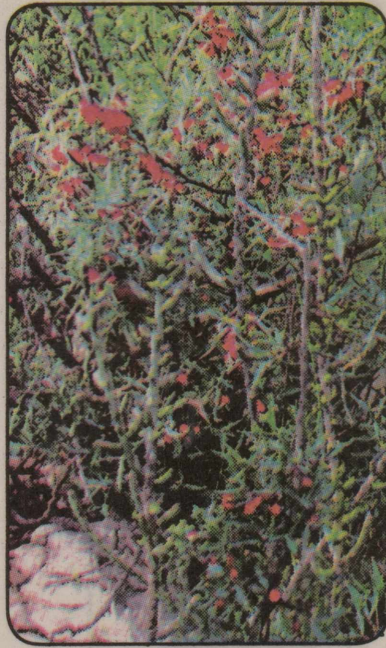
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Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jeager

Ever Eat a Agarita?



Crimson is the color of the day! A mating pair of vermilion flycatchers has been spotted on Eaton Hill. This is exciting news for our birding operation because the male vermilion is an electric red with a handsome chocolate brown mask, back and wings, making him one of the most stunning North American birds. While vermilion flycatchers commonly nest in this area, they seem to prefer the flat terrain, and this is the first recorded sighting for Eaton Hill. Jacqui Thomas first spotted the female bathing in the water feature at the Native American village, with the male nearby, and again noted the pair several days later. We hope they've already built a nest and that this is the beginning of another annual arrival.

Speaking of arrivals, the much anticipated first sighting of the supreme king of color, the unparalleled painted bunting occurred last week, adding another humbling delight to an already giddy springtime procession of natural wonders.

And as if the lush green vegetation, butterflies, incredible wildflowers, cactus blooms, and vibrant birds weren't enough to

knock your socks off, here comes the holly-like agarita shrub donning its succulent orange-red fruit! The agarita is interesting for its multiple attributes.

Not one to be pinned down, the Agarita goes by many names including Algerita, Agaritos, Chaparral Berry, Wild Currant, Larado Mahonia and Currant of Texas. In early spring, fragrant clusters of bright yellow blooms are visually inconspicuous from a distance, but can be detected by their scent wafting on the breeze, sometimes without an actual plant in sight. The stiff, sharply pointed, holly-shaped leaves are an attractive blue-green and add a pleasing change of hue to the landscape. Being an evergreen, the agarita is a constant in our surrounding foliage but is native only west to Arizona and south into Northern Mexico. Perhaps the small range is due to the plants' only sensitivity: too much water. Aside from needing well drained soil, agarita is adaptable, hardy and extremely heat tolerant.

The brilliant fruit, which is currently ripe on the bush, is a favorite of birds, small mammals, and some two-legged upright mammals as well. The enticing berries are said to make a lovely jelly, with a delicious and distinct flavor, as well as a nice table and desert wine! Hey, my spell check wants to change "agarita" to "margarita", maybe I'm on to something...

With Veteran's Day approaching, one other relevant point of interest is the use of agarita wood and roots for yellow dye. Early settlers made use of this, certainly Native Americans did, and surprisingly, during WWII the dye was used in color-coded parachutes!

However you choose to pronounce the name, never underestimate the value of our limestone ornamental, the lovable - but not so huggable agarita bush. Hit the trails, and don't forget the picnic!

People who count their chickens before they are hatched, act very wisely, because chickens run about so absurdly that it is impossible to count them accurately.

-Oscar Wilde

Middle School Bands Bring Home Sweepstakes Trophy



The Sonora Middle School Bands brought top honors back to Sonora after competing in Brownwood on May 11th. The area wide competition consists of sight-reading and concert performances. The sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade bands competed, resulting in Superior ratings in all facets of the contest.

Sixth Graders Hold Culture Fair

Each child found and chose a recipe from their country to prepare for the fair.

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Mendez, and Mrs. Trujillo at the middle school for their hard work on making the recipe book for this year's culture fair (each child received one) which are for sale for \$5 to help offset the cost of supplies for the fair.

Each child researched the native dress/costume for their country and came dressed as their country for the fair.

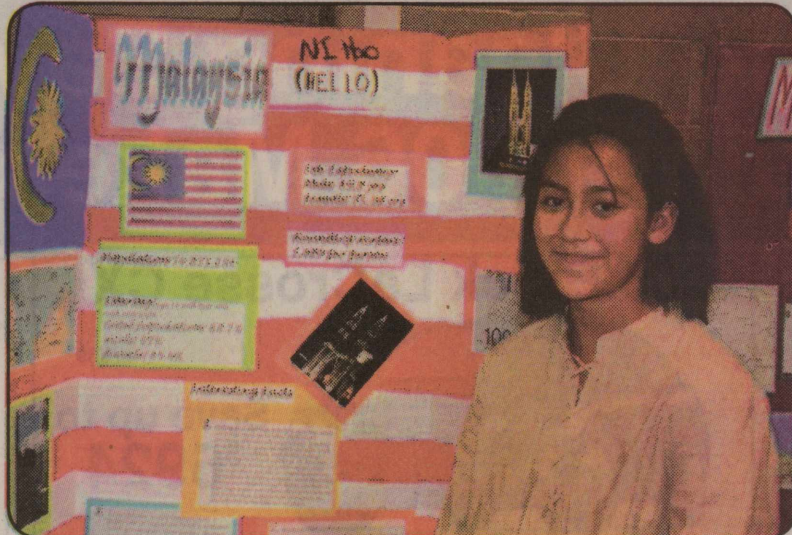
Sixth grade students at Sonora Middle School participated in the annual Culture Fair held May 14, 2007 in the high school gym and auditorium.

Each student participating researched the country chosen, preparing boards to include country name, flag, population, round trip airfare, life expectancy, literacy rate, and some interesting facts.

Pictures were to be of landmarks, currency, landscaped, native plants or animals, and local food.



Kory Humphrey represented Germany.



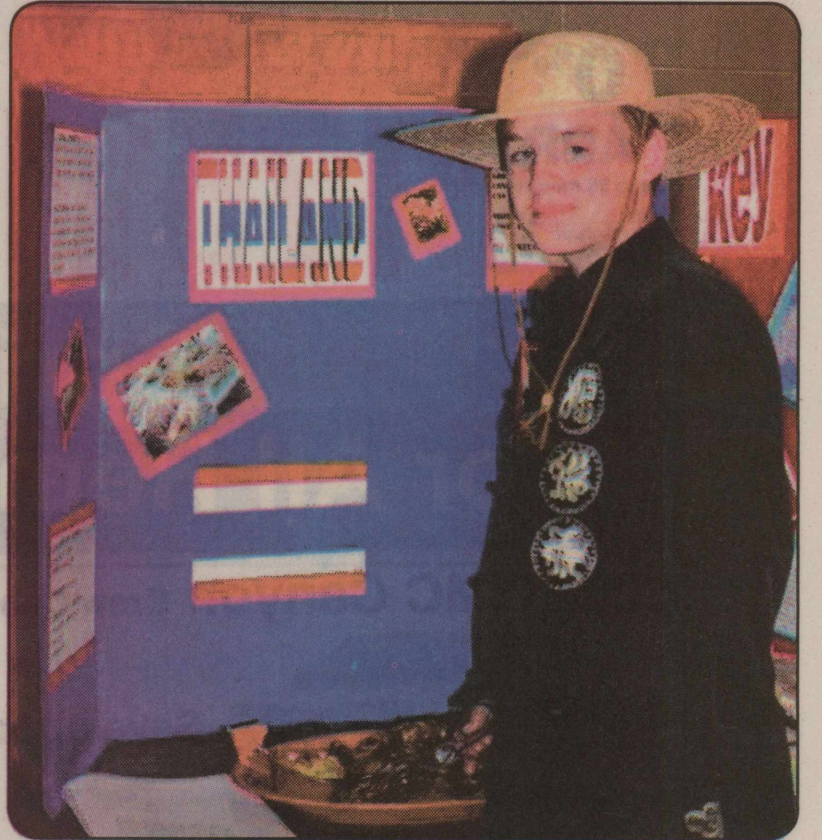
Adrianna Faz knows about Malaysia



Event organizers and sponsors left to right: Shelly Shannon, Jami Chavarria, Kate Jennings, Stacie Phillips, and Coach Ben Landry



Kelsey Favila chose Japan as her Culture Fair country. She is shown here serving Traditional Japanese Birthday Cake.



Garrett Bawcom serves a traditional Thai delicacy.

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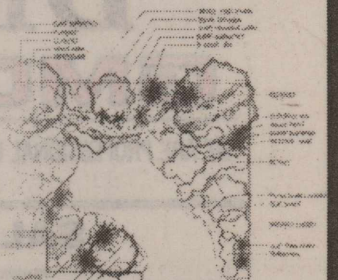
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